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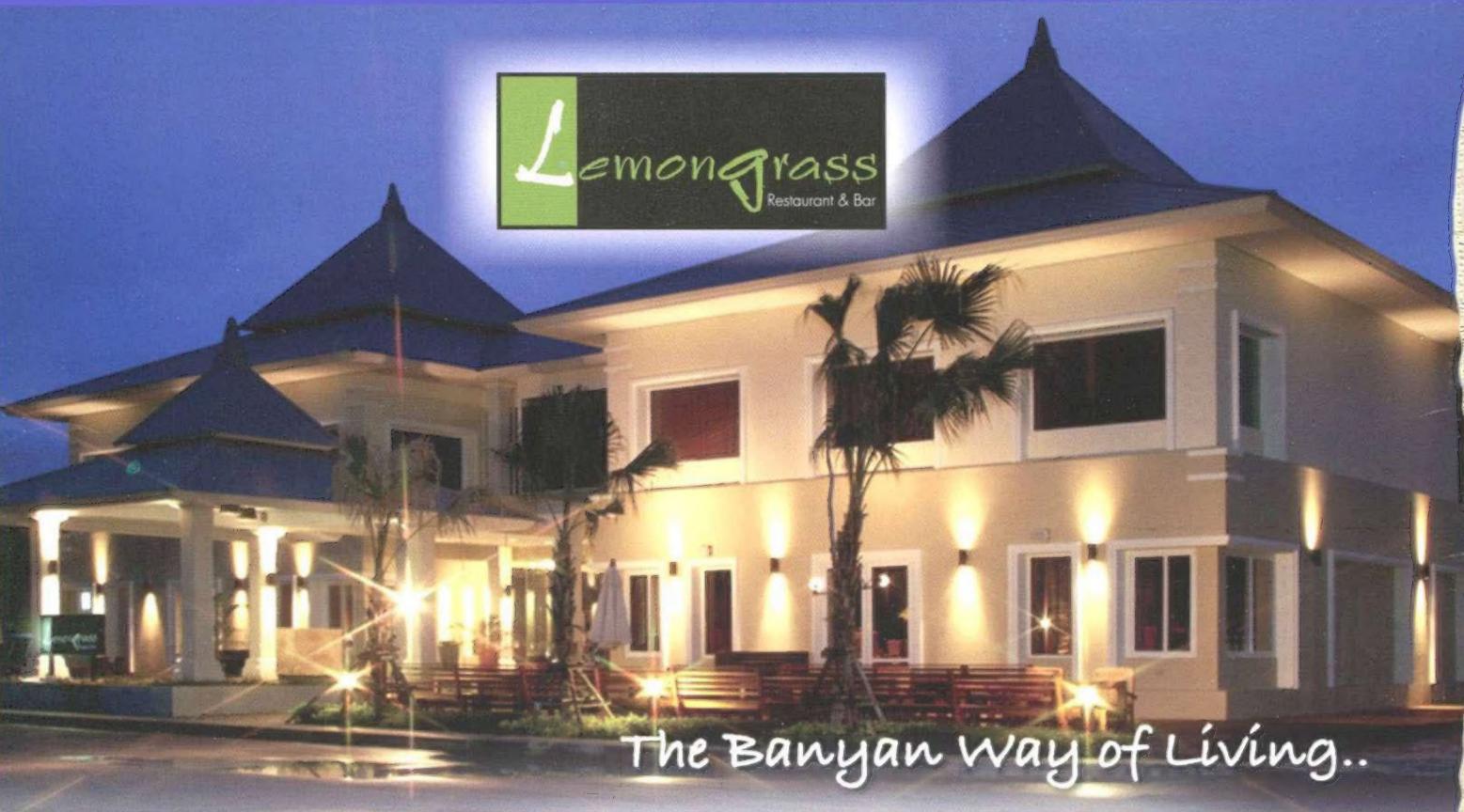
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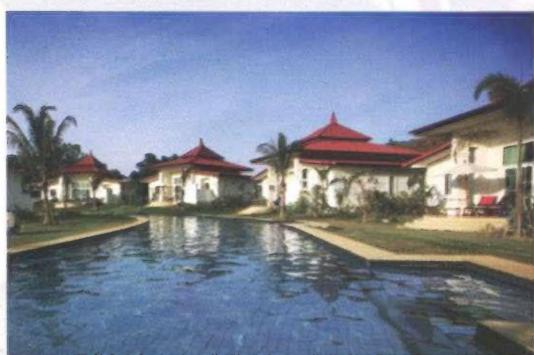


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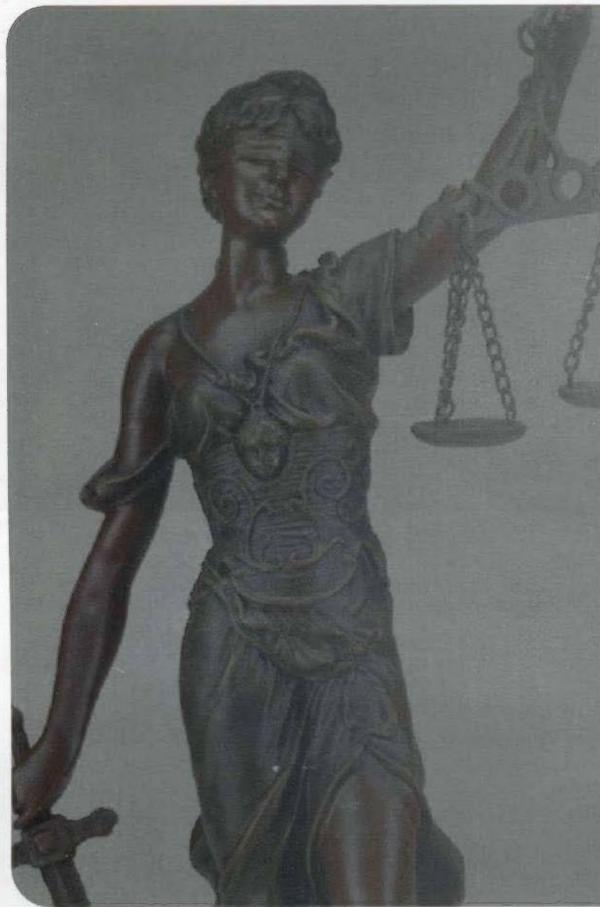
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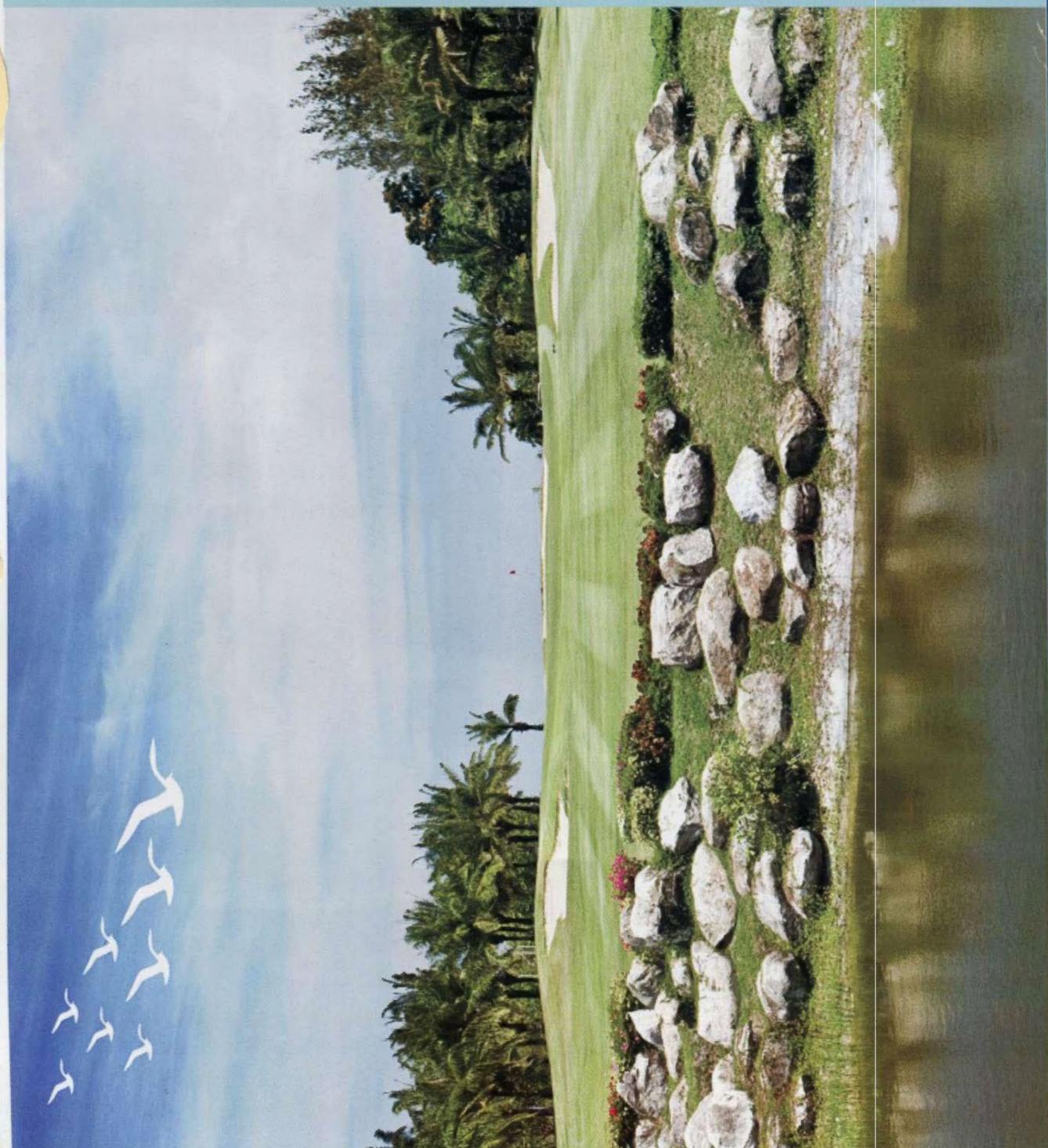
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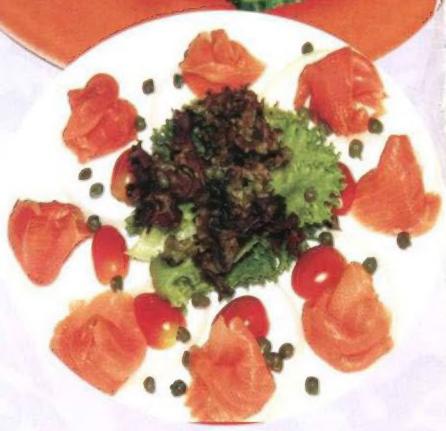
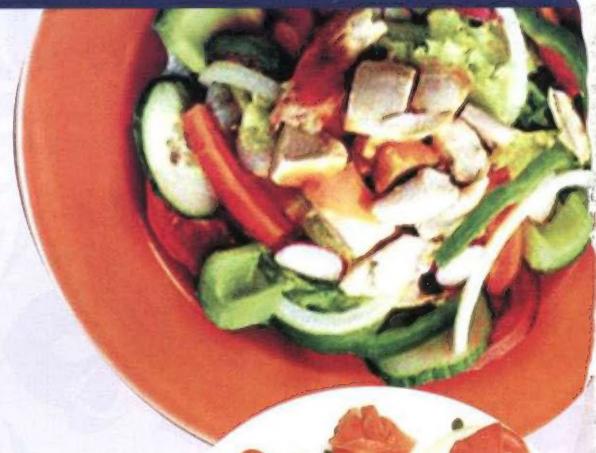
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# Mother's Day in Thailand in honor of Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday: August 12<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen Sirikit, and all of Thailand celebrates this auspicious day as Mother's Day in her honor.

HuaHinTown would like to extend our warmest wishes to Her Majesty on this occasion. We in Hua Hin are fortunate to have the Royal Family so close in both spirit and proximity.

Born in Bangkok on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1932, "Mom Rajawongse Sirikit Kitiyakara" is the first daughter of Colonel Mom Chao Nakkhatra Mangkala Kitiyakara. As a child she attended Saint Francis Xavier Catholic convent school. Her father served as Thailand's Ambassador to France, Denmark and the United Kingdom. She continued her education in those countries, as well as Switzerland.

It was while studying in Switzerland that she met King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who was also studying there. They were engaged on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1949 and married at Pathumwan Palace on April 28, 1950.

When His Majesty undertook his period of service as a Buddhist monk in 1956, Queen Sirikit became Regent. She performed her duties so well that she was made "Somdet Phra Borommarachinimat" (Queen Regent) and given the title "Phra Nang Chao Sirikit Phra Borommarachinimat".

Her Majesty is world renowned for her charitable work. In 1993 she was named Woman of the Year by Stanford University. She has served as President of the Thai Red Cross since 1956. Under her leadership, the Thai Red Cross was noted for their work in the aftermath of the tsunami of December 2004. She has also been active in concern and relief work for refugees from Cambodia and Burma who have sought refuge in Thailand. The Queen is also active in promoting Thai culture and history both at home and abroad. Her initiative was the inspiration for the making of the award winning film "The Legend of Suriyothai".

Her Majesty has received awards for her work in culture and conservation from the Asia Society, the World Wildlife Fund, The Center for Migrant Studies, the International Humanitarian Award from the Friends of the National Children's Museum in Washington, DC; the Special Recognition Award from the United Nation's Children's Fund; an Award of Excellence from the UN Development Fund for Women; the UN Environmental Program Gold Medal of Distinction; and the

Award for Humanitarian Service from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Her Majesty has received Honorary Degrees from Chulalongkorn, Thammasat, Mahidol, Kasetart, Silapakorn, Khon Kaen and Chiang Mai universities in Thailand; as well as Tokai University in Japan and Georgetown, Johns Hopkins and Tufts universities in the U.S.

We know all our readers will join us in wishing Her Majesty Queen Sirikit the happiest of birthdays, and to say "Thank You" for all she has done for the people not only of Thailand, but of the world.





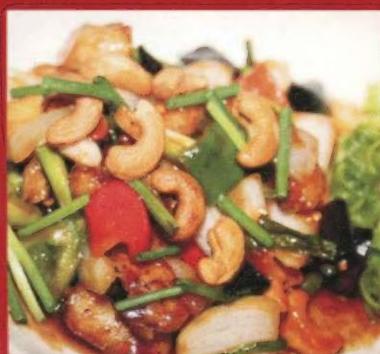
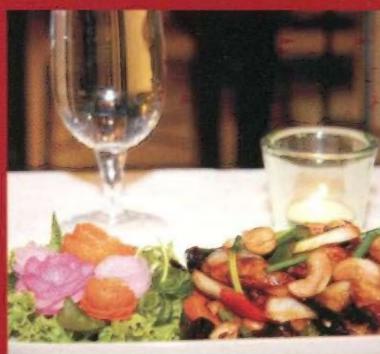
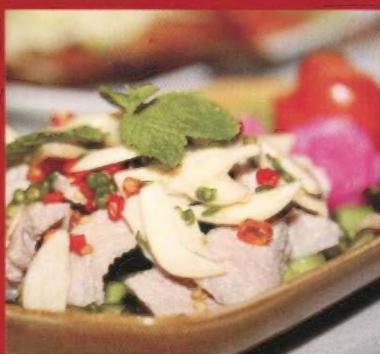
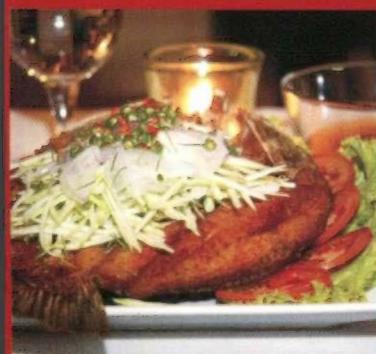
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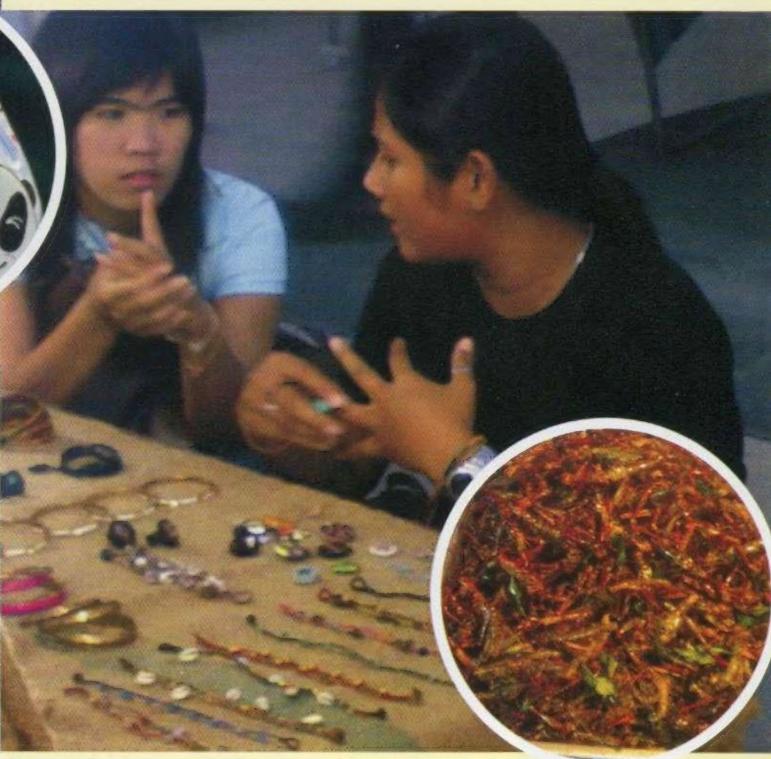
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# A Grand Night at the Market

## Hua Hin's "other" market – the Grand



**H**ua Hin is known for several things – the Royal Family living here, beaches, restaurants, optic shops, among other things. And markets. There are small and big markets from Soi 2 to Soi 102. Of course the best known is the "Night Market".

The "second market" is popularly known as the "Grand Market". It's located in front of the Grand Hotel, next to San Paolo Hospital. The Grand Market is open Wednesday through Sunday nights (the first booths start opening around 6:00 pm, it's in full swing by 7:30). The Grand Market is more relaxed, less crowded and hectic than the Night Market, and is definitely less "touristy". That's not to say you won't find things to do or buy though. Walk down the aisles and you will find handmade leather bracelets, hand painted sneakers, a choice of "flip-flops" that will overwhelm the senses, new and used clothing, electronic gadgets, faux-gold bracelets and earrings, costume jewelry, watches, kids

toys, t-shirts, shorts, and underwear. And food. Lots of it: fried chicken, fried pork and fried grasshoppers; sushi and seafood; Thai sweets and fresh fruit. There are even a few small bars set up where you can sit and people watch. You will see Thai families and students from the local universities, a few tourists and ex-pats. There is even a stall where you can get a neck and shoulder or foot massage (20 minutes for 50 baht). And, if you go on a Wednesday or Friday night, you can combine your shopping with a Muay Thai show at the Grand Sport Stadium (bouts start at 9:00 pm).

A quirk of the market is that each night is a bit different. Vendors change or move, so Saturday can be a completely different experience than Wednesday.

So take a night or two and head over to the Grand Market – we think you'll find it has much more of a "hey, I'm in Thailand" feel than the big market. Who knows, you might even try a fried grasshopper or two.



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Website (English): [bamag2009.com](http://bamag2009.com)  
Asian Martial Art Games Call Center:  
Call 1141 and enter extension number 2222.



### August 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>: Bhumibol Dam Invitation International Mountain Bike Championship



At Bhumibol Dam, Tak Province (425 kms. North of Bangkok) The dam is 60 km north of Tak provincial town, where most of the hotel accommodation is located.

Every year mountain bikers gather at one of Thailand's most scenic dams for a series of races and fun activities. Now in its fifth year, the

and fun activities. Now in its fifth year, the Bhumibol Invitation International Mountain Bike is one example of the many popular sports events that attract both locals and overseas visitors to test their skills and enjoy a healthy pastime. Created to promote an interest in outdoor sports and also encourage ecotourism at both national and international levels, the races underscore the beauty of Tak province, particularly the attractive scenery that surrounds one of the country's largest dams. Mountain bikers and families gather at the crest of the spectacular Bhumibol Dam for two days of races, which are geared towards both semi-pro and recreational riders. It is up the participants as to how far they wish to push their bikes and bodies. If they want the thrill of dropping down steep slopes through jungle terrain, or the steady pace of a trail over rolling hills that border the reservoir, the organizers have a choice of categories to deliver the right experience. There are six categories to choose from: Long distance 60 km; family 16 km; tour biking 10 km; cyclo-cross, on the dam's crest, five km; international race 39 km; and amateur 24 km.

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# Sports Upcoming in August

**B**efore we get to August I have a confession to make. I'm not a tennis fan. At least I wasn't. After being goaded into watching the Wimbledon Men's semi-finals and finals, I have to say, perhaps I've been missing something. The match between Roddick and Murray, which a friend called to tell me I should turn on, was exciting enough. But to be followed by the final between Federer and Roddick- I don't think sports get any more thrilling than those 2 matches. Great athletes going to their limits, hitting great shots (and missing a few, too), the drama of close matches, Murray coming so close to being the first Brit to win in 70-odd years, Federer on the edge of breaking Sampras' record for Grand Slam wins. 16-14 decider? Okay, I'll watch again next year.

## Football

The break keeps seeming shorter and shorter, but it's that time again. The 2009-2010 English Premier League season begins Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Manchester United and Chelsea open at home against Birmingham and Hull City, respectively; while Liverpool is at White Hart Lane and Arsenal visit Everton. The first "big" match of the season is on the 29<sup>th</sup>, when Arsenal visit Old Trafford.

There are a lot of questions to be answered, How much will the loss of Renaldo hurt Man U? Can Antonio Valencia make a difference? Will the move to Old Trafford bring out the best in Michael Owen? How will the Russian Yuri Zirkhov fare in the EPL? How will Carlo Ancelotti get on at Chelsea with John Terry (assuming Terry is not at Man City)? And what antics will Lee Bowyer bring back to the EPL with Birmingham? Much to look forward to.

Ah, World Cup 2010 qualifiers. August 12<sup>th</sup> is has several matches, the biggest of which will see if the USA can knock out Mexico.

Unfortunately the folly continues. More off-track excitement than on, and not in a good way. Bernie Ecclestone and Max Mosely just don't know when to keep quiet. One can't help but think that for the definition of "put your foot in your mouth", just look in the dictionary and there will be a picture of Mosely and Ecclestone (let's see, I'm Mr. Ecclestone, I have a very important meeting at the German race to try and keep F1 alive in Germany after 2009, so a week before the race I'll state that "Hitler could get things done" – you'd swear this years off-track stories were being written by Gervais / Merchant). And if things weren't bad enough, Toyota announced they could no longer afford to host the Japan leg of the 2010 season. But on to racing: unfortunately our deadline is early July, just before the German Grand Prix, however it is looking more and more like a Brawn season. There will be the summer break for most of August, with no races this month until the Telefonica in Valencia on the 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup>, quickly followed by the Belgian Grand Prix on 28 – 30<sup>th</sup>.



**MotoGP**

MotoGP still has a month to go before its "summer" break, and there are two big races in August. August 16<sup>th</sup> Rossi, Lorenzo, Stoner, Pedrosa and co head to the Czech Republic, followed two weeks later by the return to Indianapolis on August 30<sup>th</sup>, where everyone will be hoping for a reversal in weather fortunes, which saw last years race called early due to hurricane force winds and torrential rain.



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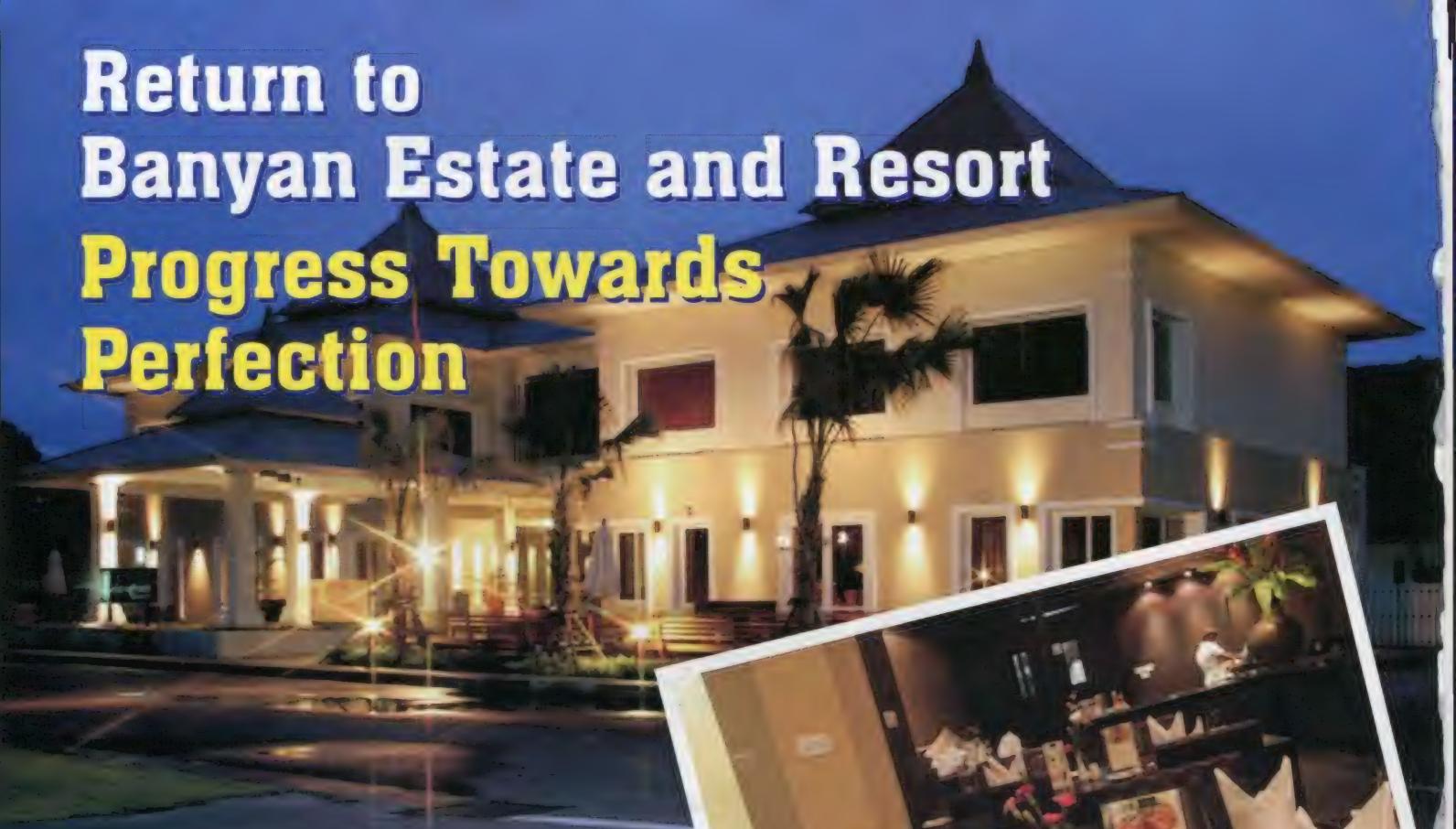
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The Banyan Estate has evolved into a place for everyone – the villas offer more comfort and space than a hotel room; and the Lemongrass allows everyone the chance to experience the top service of a five-star resort. Come in for breakfast, lunch or dinner; or drop in to the bar side for Happy Hour – and see what special events are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. (Next up – a special Mothers Day offer – mothers will dine free when accompanied by family on 12<sup>th</sup> August – reservations recommended **032 538 888**).

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# A Friendly Monster

## Ducati's 696cc Motorcycle is a Smooth Way to Navigate Thailand's Roads

**A**ll right, I got caught up by the ad that's been running the past few months. I couldn't help it. The chance to test ride a Ducati couldn't be passed up. So it was up to Ducati Thailand on Thong Lor in Bangkok for a close-up look and a spin around block on Ducati's signature bike - The Monster.

The Ducati Monster is Urban Cool. Since its blew-the-bike-world-away debut 17 ago the Monster has been the Ducati constant. It is by far the longest running model the famous-for-racing Italian factory has in its line up of bikes. The trellis frame and L-twin engine make it instantly recognizable.

The 2009 Monster line-up includes the 696 and 1100 (also available in Thailand, but presently sold out!). At the time we went up to visit, there were six 696's in the showroom, but be forewarned - the six that previously arrived in June had been sold by the end of the month. The ride. I hopped on the black 696 and yes, immediately felt cool. But also comfortable. The seat height is 30.3 inches (770mm), which means that with my 32" inseam both feet could be firmly planted on the ground. The reach to the

handlebars is easy, and the forward, low footpeg position makes the Monster the most rider-friendly of all the Ducatis (not to mention other makes of "naked" bikes). Glancing down at the digital instrument cluster, it has the features of the 1098 - speedo, tach, trip odometer, fuel gauge, temp light, clock and lap timer - its ready for the DDA data analyzer option (automatically records data from numerous channels, including distance travelled, laps and lap times, throttle opening and engine temperature).

With the big fuel tank sitting there, the bike feels solid, a feeling that doesn't go away once you take off. The initial feeling on taking the 696 onto the road is "smooth". With the lower cc's the L-twin doesn't have the sudden grunt of the bigger Ducati's, but a smooth feeling of power delivery. And it does have power - 80hp and 50.6lb ft. of torque. So off into Bangkok traffic, over to Ekamai, left and onto Rama IX Road, a nice stretch of open urban highway. First thing you will notice is first gear in traffic is, well, confining, and second a bit sluggish. (This an easy fix though- a change to a 14 tooth sprocket from the stock 15 as higher gearing is required due to European



emission specs). But once out of the Bangkok 15kph rut, you find that 80 HP. As a bigger rider (95 kilos), I was impressed at how quick this bike is. The revs literally shoot up in front of you and...bang into second....third...fourth – oh, 110kph, down shift back into third – no sudden rear wheel spinning engine breaking like on the bigger twins, just a smooth under-control downshift. BTW, with the bike having less than 3,000kms on it, I was conscious of the "break-in" period, keeping things reasonable. But I found how easy it is to hit 6,000rpms (which is where the engine really starts to sound like its serious). So a quick zip up Rama IX to Ramkamhaeng Road and back into real city traffic tested the brakes – good, solid, smooth not grabby; the gearing and clutch – comfortable, but I might go for adjustable levers or a clutch slave if I was going to do a lot of city riding; and handling- I liked the light feel of the 696 (its only 161kgs dry), which combined with the Showa forks, Sachs single shock and riding position makes for a quick responding, under control feeling; and above mentioned performance.

Bottom line – the 696 is a motorcycle you can ride in a well-behaved, responsible manner; but it has loads of reserve power. The power band means that you don't have to down-shift if you decide to accelerate significantly - you just have to give the throttle a little twist. Odds and ends: the 696 has a 3.8 gallon fuel tank. A clever innovation is that the fuel tank is not really the tank at all but a quickly detachable cover covering the actual fuel cell and air box. Both halves of the outer tank can be removed, either for damage repair, or for

merely for styling preference. Tired of the color scheme? Unbolt old, bolt-on new! (Change the front fender and rear seat cowl, and you can have an instant bike change). This design also allows for two small, screened cutouts that serve as intakes to the airbox while allowing greater handlebar movement without hitting the tank. More standouts include an LED taillight and an all-new ultra-compact "triple parabola" headlamp. Although the exhaust sounds a bit tame, again due to strict European regulations, there are a wide variety of choices available to improve exhaust sound, just ask head mechanic Mr. Jay which he recommends for your style of riding. Also, as I rode solo I didn't encounter this, but some online reviews have stated that the heat from the stock pipes can be, well, hot for a passenger.

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# FINANCE

## Diversify if you're

China has made a lot of noise over the past few months in an attempt to get a new world reserve currency, preferably Asian and of course preferably Chinese.

Many people consider this as a form of jingoism or perhaps an attempt to emphasize that the Chinese steam roller can become the world's biggest economic power much quicker than expected.

Certainly if the Chinese had their way and the next decade saw a new Asian world reserve currency it would be a huge boost to them and speed up their economic objectives.

Some people think the fact that the US dollar is the World's reserve currency is a matter of prestige and economic confidence in the USA and to some extent that is true. One thing you can always say about the Chinese is that they are blessed with business acumen and are not slow to see an opportunity. They don't see the reserve currency that way but see it for what it really is.

### Look at the facts.

The main boom to the United States to have the dollar as the world's reserve currency has been that during our world economic crisis is that it can borrow hundreds of billions of dollars in dollar denominated bonds at relatively low rates because it is assured of demand from foreign central banks needing to hold huge dollar reserves.

That fact alone can explain why the country could go from an annual budget surplus 10 years ago to a projected deficit of more than 10 per cent of its gross domestic product and still managing to be paying almost half its 1999 interest cost for benchmark 10 year borrowing.

Is it any wonder the Chinese want in on the act? Not only them but many observers think the Euro could trump the dollar and the Yuan.

It has to be said that many in the European Central Bank and throughout the euro zone are skeptical about the Euro's use as a reserve currency. The critical weakness of the euro is that reserve managers need to put

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Also Euro zone government bonds with the exception of German bonds have never been as easily tradable as Treasury securities, which have prices traded round the clock by a diverse mixture of market makers and brokers.



Admittedly the euro is a very young currency and who knows where it is headed in the next few decades.

The dollar may gradually be waning as a force and the prospect of a notional Asian currency taking over may be distant but the euro has hurdles of its own to commanding the dominant reserve role.

This may all appear unimportant to the average investors but if you are an expatriate investor depending on an income from your investments for your lifestyle, then it's very important.

Just look the way the dollar headed south as soon as China started talking reserve currency. If all your assets are in one currency then you can be in trouble from the most unexpected quarters.

Your mother probably told you not to keep all your eggs in one basket.

Sterling investors depending on sterling denominated funds over the past year know exactly what I am talking about. Last year the pound was buying 68 baht and now at time of writing only commands 56 baht (and that's up these past few months from 49 baht per pound.) So it's straightforward – diversify or suffer in the future.

If you hold a stock portfolio from which you take an income make sure it's diversified into dollar, euro, sterling and yen.-ask your adviser about the myriad choice of offshore funds denominated in different currencies with a comprehensive range of asset allocations

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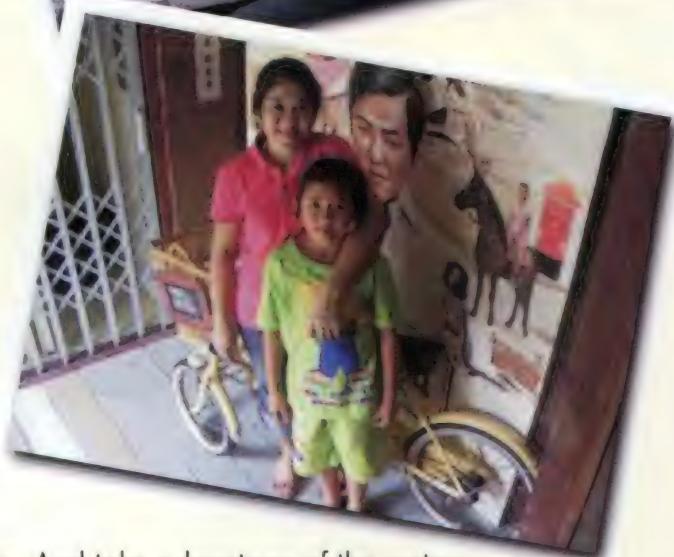


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# People of Hua Hin

## From Tha Yang to Hua Hin



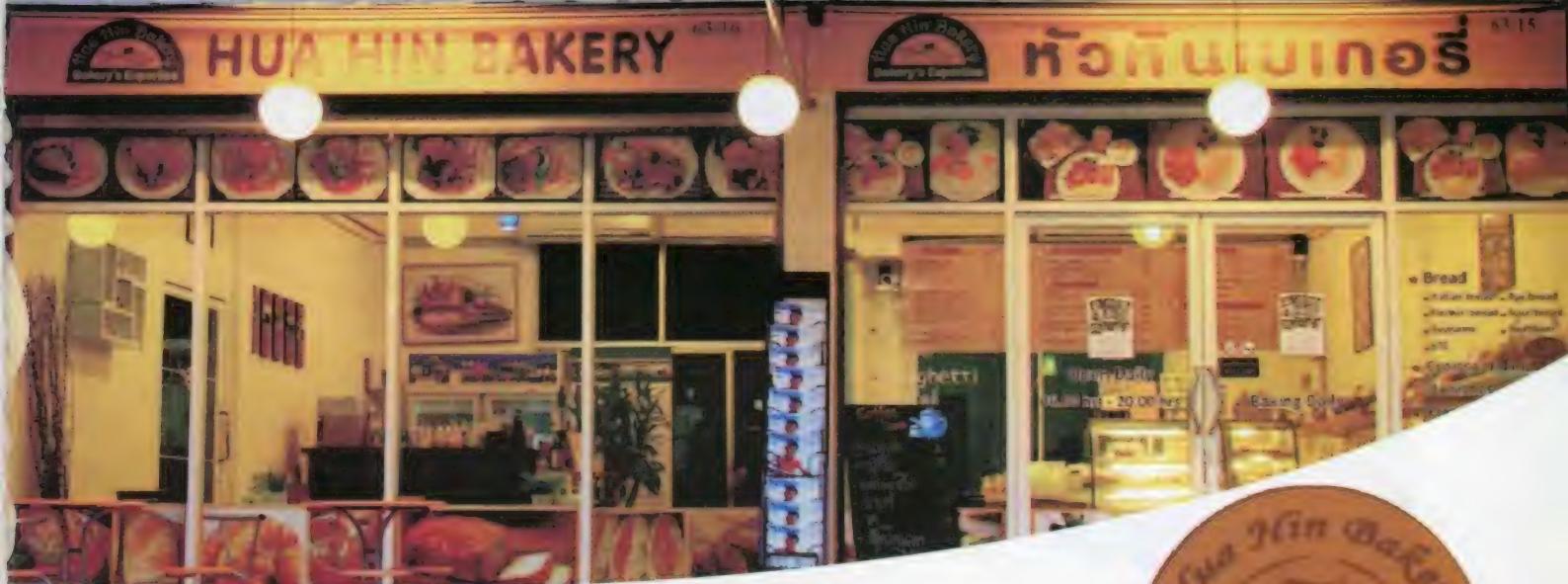
We caught up with Patcharee and her two younger sisters while they were visiting Plearn Wan Center in Hua Hin.

Patcharee, nickname Anne, is originally from Tha Yang in Petchburi Province. She came to Hua Hin nine years ago to attend Rajamongkorn University. After graduating with a degree in Business English 5 years ago, she began working at Dole Thailand in Nong Phop, the village approximately 20 kilometers west of Hua Hin on Highway 3219 – you will pass through it on the way to Pala U Waterfall. She works with international clients in Purchasing and Logistics. "It is an interesting job. I communicate with people from all over the world. Every day is different, and I look forward to seeing what's going to be next", she says.

Anne now lives in Nong Phop, but gets down to Hua Hin "whenever I can" to catch up with old university friends and do some sightseeing and shopping. "I enjoy Market Village", she says, "because we don't have a modern mall in Nong Phop. Sometimes you don't know what you will miss until you don't have it right there. But I do enjoy country living, too, so it's a bit of a trade." Anne says what she likes most about Hua Hin is "The beach. I love to come down on the weekend and get to the beach and enjoy the sand, the water and the cooler weather." As for recommendations for visitors to Hua Hin, she says "This is my first visit to Plearn Wan, it's a very nice place to come and get a feeling of old Hua

Hin. And take advantage of the water – swimming, go out on a cruise on the Gulf of Thailand. And of course shopping and eating, there is plenty to buy and eat in Hua Hin. Most of all I think just relax and enjoy the town and the people."

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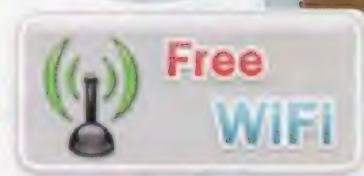
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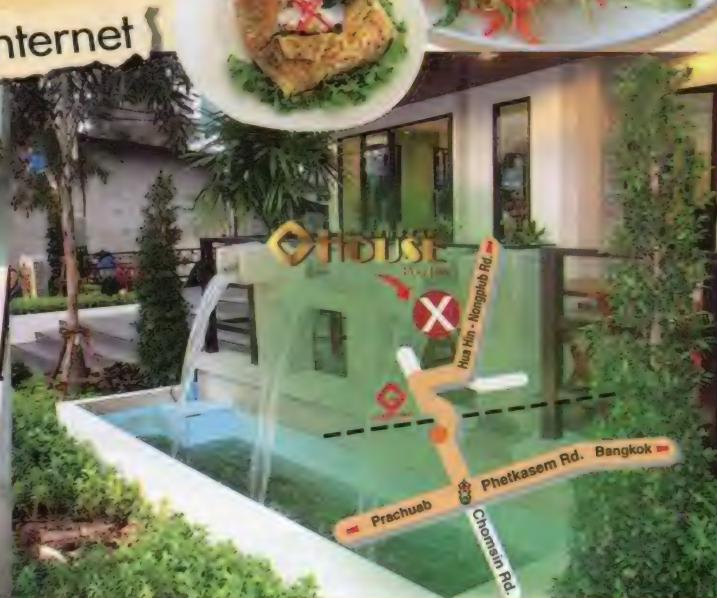




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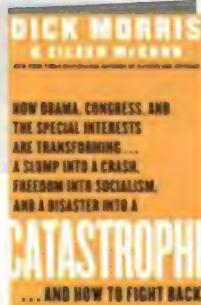
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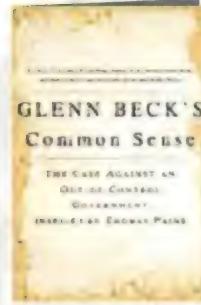
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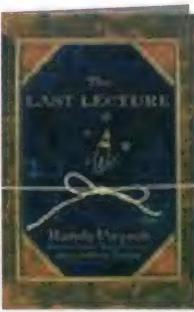
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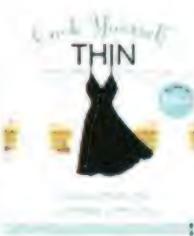
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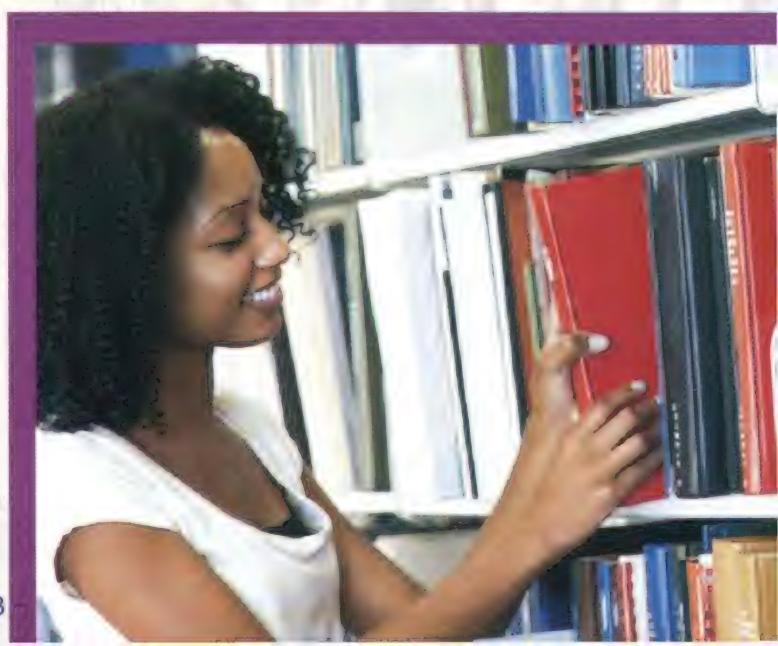
1. COOK YOURSELF THIN by the staff of Lifetime Television
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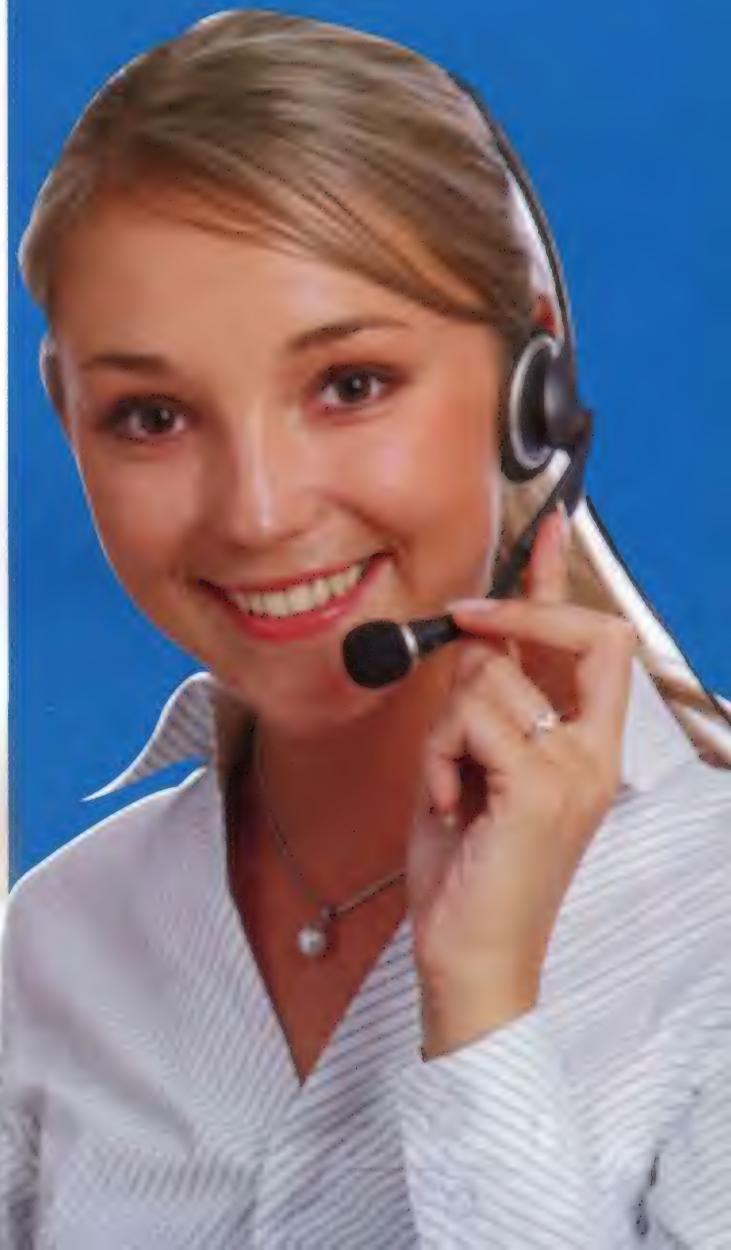
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This guy walks into a bar with this really great shirt on. The bartender goes, "Where'd you get the great shirt mate?" The man replies, "David Jones." This 2nd guy walks into the bar with really good pants on and the bartender goes "Where'd you get the great pants mate?" The man replies, " David Jones." This 3rd guy walks into the bar with really great shoes and sock on. The bartender goes, "Where'd you get the great shoes and socks mate?" The man replies, "David Jones." Then this 4th guy runs in naked and the bartender goes, "Look Who the hell are you mate?" And the naked guy says, "I'm David Jones!"

2

A man walks into a bar. He sees a good looking, smartly dressed woman perched on a bar stool. He walks up behind her and says: "Hi there good looking, how's it going?"

She turns around, faces him, looks him straight in the eye and says: "Listen, I'll screw anybody, anytime, anywhere, your place, my place, it doesn't matter. I've been doing it ever since I got out of college. I just flat out love it." He says: "No kidding?, I'm a lawyer too! What firm are you with?"



Two friends meet in the office of one of them, a notorious techno-geek. "Hey, bud, how are ya?"

"I'm good. Congratulations, that new secretary of yours is beautiful!"

"Well, I'm glad you like her. Believe it or not, she's a robot!"

"No way, how could that be?"

"Way! She's the latest model from Japan. Lemme tell you how she works. If you squeeze her left tit, she takes dictation. If you squeeze her right tit, she types a letter. And that's not all, she can have sex, too!"

"Holy shit! You're kidding, right?"

"No, she's something, huh? Tell you what, you can even borrow her."

So, his friend takes her into the restroom and is in there with her for a while. Suddenly, he hears him screaming "Eeeeyaaaa! Heeelp" Ooooooh! Aaaaaah! eeeeeeeeeaaargghhh!"

The guy says, "Shit! I forgot to tell him her ass is a pencil sharpener!"



A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and stops to entertain at a bar in a small town.

He's going through his usual run of stupid blonde jokes, when a large, blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and says, "I've heard just about enough of your denigrating blond jokes! What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does a person's physical attributes have to do with their worth as a human being?" The ventriloquist looks on in amazement.

"It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in my community," she continued,

"and of reaching my full potential as a person because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes but women at large... all in the name of humor."

Flustered, the ventriloquist begins to apologize. The blonde interjects, "You stay out of this, mister, I'm talking to that little bastard on your knee!"

# Horoscope 2009 August



## ARIES

March 21 - April 19

The focus is on your personal life and goals in August, dear Aries. While much contentment can be found at home, you're also more than willing to enjoy leisure activities and to make new plans for keeping organized and efficient on the job, particularly around the 17th. Demands from a friend, or the need of others to lean on you for support, can keep you especially busy in the first week of the month. Events occurring now bring you to the realization that you need to reach out and connect.



## TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

August is strong for romance and finances for you, dear Taurus, although impulsiveness is an inclination in both areas. Conversations with others are for the most part healthy and forward-looking. Mid-month, a heart to heart with a lover has a more serious tone, and should be considered carefully. Changeable conditions surrounding your career this month eventually lead to improvement of your position and an increased sense of personal fulfillment, even if it feels a little chaotic for the time being.



## GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

In August, the spotlight is on your home and family, dear Gemini, as well as necessary errands, paperwork, and learning. You've been quite "me" focused recently, and a restless urge is likely to take hold in the first week of the month. You are reminded of important responsibilities surrounding family and finances mid-August. Until the 25th, Mars in your sign keeps you on your toes, providing you with the energy and gumption to go after what you want from your life. Friends are helpful and seem to have your best interests at heart.



## CANCER

June 21 - July 22

August is a month in which you are hatching plans, resting more than usual, and experiencing less personal energy, dear Cancer. You are instinctively preparing for a more outgoing phase starting in the last week of the month, when energy returns, particularly when it comes to career matters. A struggle over matters of dependence and personal freedom might kick off this new cycle. A friend, family, or group activities inspire you this month, and you feel supported and acknowledged. Pay special attention to what a partner has to say mid-month.



## LEO

July 23 - August 22

The spotlight is on you, your needs, and how you present yourself to others in August, dear Leo. Your mind is focused on security, finances, and practical matters. Matters of the heart touch you deeply, and could involve some personal sacrifices. The 1-8 might feel chaotic, as relationship epiphanies, challenges, and tests occur. It's an emotional time, but also a period that leads to important discoveries. A surge of personal magnetism and charm heads your way in the last week of the month, when your ideas and conversational skills are in demand.



## VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

August is often a month of endings and some cocooning for you, dear Virgo, as you instinctively need to assess what needs to go and what to carry forward into your upcoming birthday year. However, this year, it's likely to be more active than usual. Friends are important, career goals and initiatives figure strongly, and your urge to talk, project, and learn is strong. Epiphanies surrounding your work or health are likely from the 1-8, when life could feel quite chaotic, but you make a new plan around the 20th that pulls everything together.



## LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

While others are seeking you out this month, dear Libra, you are not especially communicative when it comes to sharing personal matters, until after the 25th. You are thinking things through and keeping your ideas and plans to yourself. Still, your social calendar is busy. It's a strong period for dreaming up new plans, making presentations, and connecting with others. The 1-10 brings epiphanies and frictions with a romance, and perhaps some tests and trials.



## SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Life isn't especially private for you this summer, dear Scorpio, and August is no exception. Home life requires special consideration from the 1-7, and again on the 17-18, even if work seems more of a priority. You've been expanding your personal circle and home life is sometimes chaotic. You're filled with ideas about your goals and the future. With regards to romance, you have a strong desire for something different and perhaps a little exotic. Pay special attention to advice from an older (or more experienced) friend on the 16-18.



## SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

You are very busy thinking ahead of yourself in August, dear Sagittarius. Next month is strong for career matters, and this month, you are hatching many plans along those lines. Restlessness experienced from the 14-17 might prompt you to consider making travel plans, or plans to broaden your intellectual horizons—whatever it is, you feel the need to widen your experiences. Your energy reserves receive a nice boost now, and you feel the need to take action. Financial matters require special consideration on the 25-26. Romance is lively yet deeply stirring in August.



## CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Much is going on with partnerships, sharing, shared finances, and work this month, dear Capricorn. August is strong for negotiating and ironing out differences with a special someone in your life. Love matters are both demanding and rewarding, particularly towards the last week of the month. Much of your energy is poured into work, health routines, and reorganizing. Getting these matters into order will help free your mind. Special attention to money, sources of income, and personal possessions is required from the 2-10. Others turn to you for solid advice on the 16-18.



## AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

The delicate balance between your needs for independence and your needs for close personal relationships is a big issue for you in August, dear Aquarius. Balancing can sometimes feel like a tug of war, but keeping alert to the heart of the matter will give you perspective and ease the tension. From the 1-8, aligning yourself with the image you have been projecting to others can be a challenge. Consider the possibility that you may have misrepresented yourself if others are misunderstanding you. Sorting out financial matters is easier and more objective this month.



## PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Life might seem a little chaotic in August, dear Pisces, as you feel pulled in many directions. However, if you take extra time for relaxation and reflection, which the cosmos fairly forces you to do from the 1-8, you will find the energy to balance it all. It might seem counterintuitive to take extra time for repose when you're in demand, but you'll be far more effective if you do. Getting organized and sorting out mundane affairs is necessary, while expressing your creativity and romantic impulses are strong. A serious conversation with a partner might figure around the 17th.





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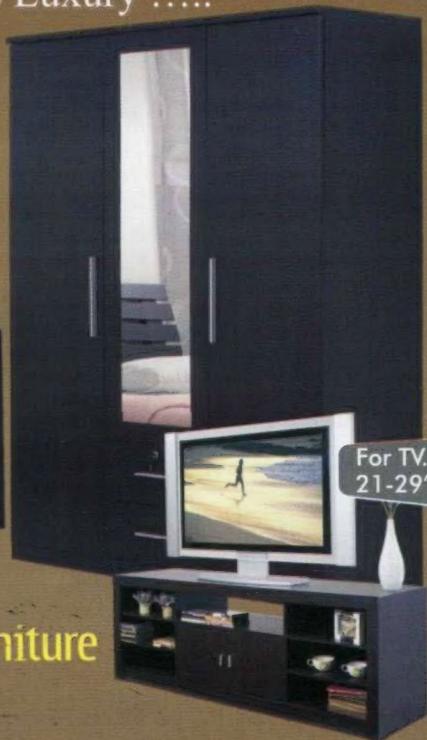
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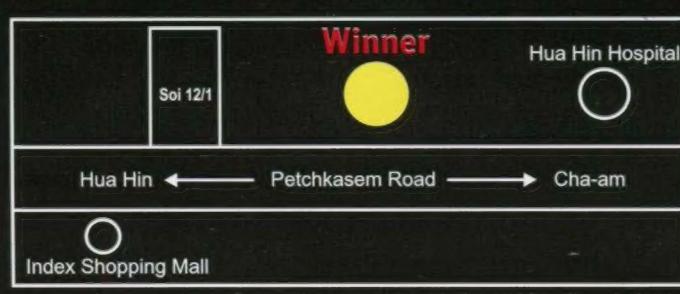
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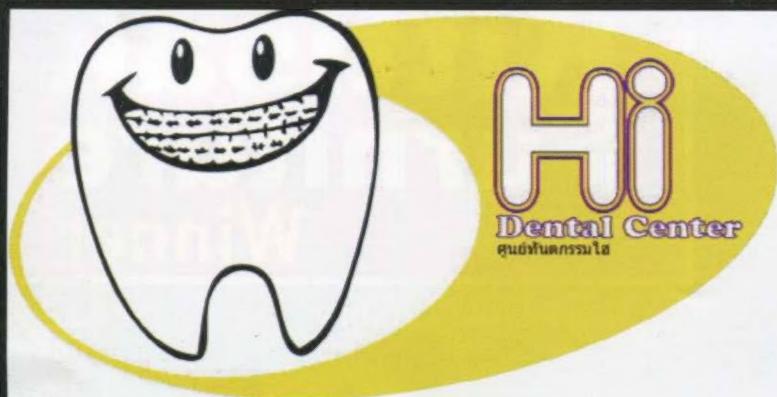


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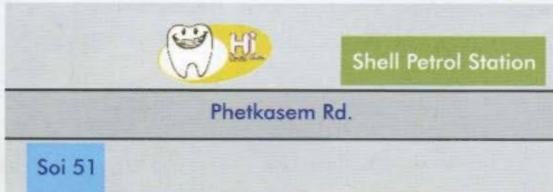


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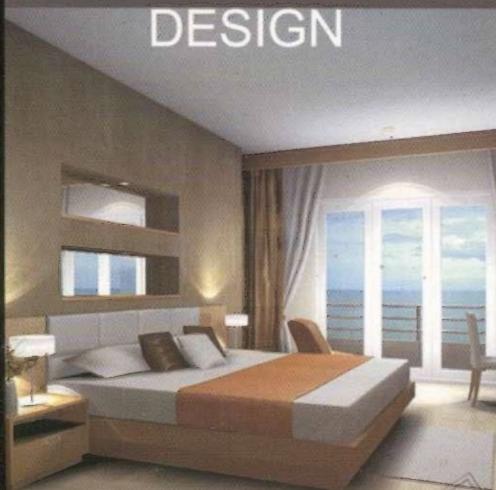
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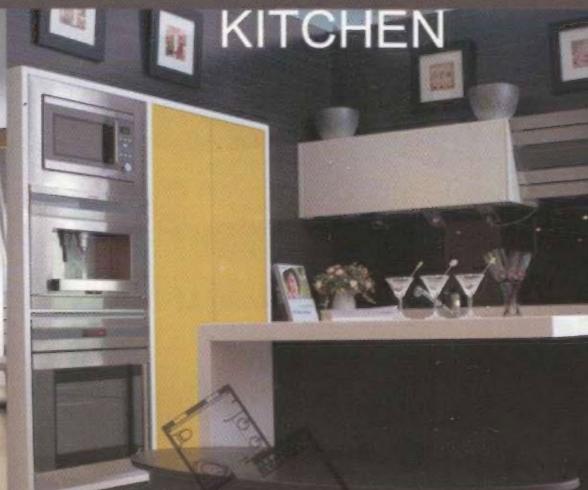
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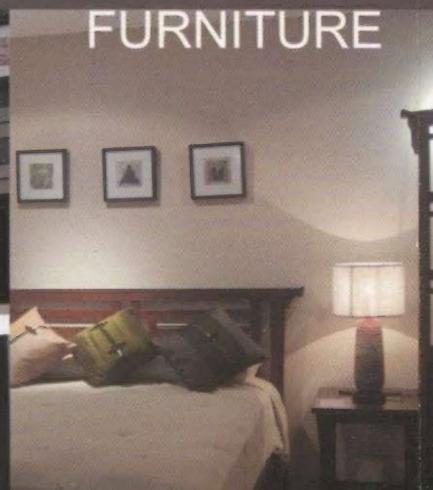
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